job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, registered with the employment exchanges in Meghalaya as on 31.12.2000 are given as under:

Item	No. of unemployed Youths
(1) Educated	20,463
(2) Uneducated	14,948
(3) Skilled	32,298
(4) Unskilled	3,113

(c) Total number of persons provided jobs through employment exchanges in the States is 87 for the period 1.1.2000 to 31.12.2000.

Increase in unemployment

†1303. SHRI P. K. MAHESWARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been unprecedented increase in unemployment during the first ten years of liberalisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) The estimates of employment, unemployment & Labour Force are obtained through quinquennial survey on employment and unemployment conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). The incidence of unemployment which was of the order of 1.90% of the Labour Force during 1993-94 has marginally gone up to 2.23% during 1999-2000 as per Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status Approach.

(c) Planning for employment generation is a part of the five-year

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Plans. The Approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to productive employment which will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sector and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterized by higher rates of unemployment and underemployment.

Government is also implementing special programmes for eradicating of poverty and generation of employment. The major poverty alleviation programmes, which provide employment in the rural areas, are Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Jawahar Gram Samriddhi Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme. In the urban areas, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) is in operation since 1.12.97, which also seeks to provide gainful employment to the poor. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is being implemented as a Central Plan Scheme to provide employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth in both rural and urban areas.

Recognition to Yenopaya Hospital, Mangalore under E.S.I. Scheme

1304. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the hospitals recognised by the Employees State Insurance Corporation for providing treatment to employees under ESI Scheme in Mangalore;

(b) whether Government are aware that Yenopaya Hospital is a super speciality Hospital in Mangalore; and

(c) whether Government have recognised Yenopaya Hospital, Mangalore for the purposes of medical treatment to the employees covered under ESI Scheme in Mangalore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The responsibility for administration of medical care under the ESI Scheme vests with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations except in Delhi and NOIDA where it is being directly administered by the ESIC.